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Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Sir,

In reference to Docket #98N-1038, the "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food", I have grave concerns.

I believe that irradiated foods should be required to carry labeling indicating irradiated or irradiation used in processing and include the radura symbol.

I believe the proposed terms like "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization" would mislead consumers. Irridation destroys some vitamins and causes changes in food so it does not show spoilage that is not expected by the normal consumer.

Please retain the current labeling without an expiration date, so I can be sure of what is in the food that I am buying, and can make a choice between one type of processing or another.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

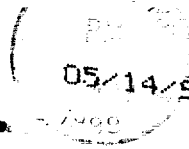


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